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species), Furnariidae (29 forms), Dendrocolaptidae (41 forms), Trechilidae (174 forms), Micropodidae (25 forms), and Trogonidae (23 forms), the number of specimens examined during the preparation of this volume being 14,358. The families worked up in this volume include some very difficult species and these have been handled with Mr. Ridgway's well known accuracy and ability, the author's personal trips to Costa Rica being a great aid in his work. The criticisms of Oölogists are disposed of in the preface in a very satisfactory manner. It is altogether absurd to apply the ordinary manner of criticism to this gigantic Birdwork, for in almost every single instance it is simply *above* criticism and deserves nothing but the highest praise that words can bestow.

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Michigan Bird Life. By W. B. Barrows. Spec. Bull. of the Dep. of Zoölogy and Physiology of the Mich. Agri. College.

We welcome this work on the Birds of Michigan as an important and valuable addition to Bird Literature. It is a well illustrated volume of 822 pages, of which unfortunately pages 705 to 737 are missing and the latter part of which is badly jumbled up by the exceptionally bright (?) binders. In the preface due acknowledgements are made to the contributors and the number of species is stated to be 326, and as every record has been carefully scrutinized it is of a far greater value than Cook's former list of 336 species, which was altogether too loosely constructed. The Introduction gives much information about the Topography, Climate, Distribution of Plant Life and Animal Life, Bird Life in Michigan, Changes in Bird Life, the study of birds, the use of keys, migration, etc. Under each species are given the recognition marks, the distribution, the status as a Michigan Bird with the records in chronological order, nidification, economic status, and finally the technical description in smaller print. Altogether Professor Barrows and the Michigan ornithologists can be congratulated upon the splendid work they have done and the splendid book they have produced.

Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America. By Frank M. Chapman. Appleton. \$3.50 and \$4.00.

This new edition of Mr. Chapman's valuable "Handbook" is greatly improved over the first edition, both in appearance and in workmanship. From the colored map of the life zones of North America, which occupies the front cover and first page of the fly-leaf to the last cover page, on which is a six-inch scale with the Metric scale also, there is evidence of painstaking revision work on the part of the author. The enlargement of the Introduction